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Education

- 2013 PhD, Social Work; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Dissertation title: *System Interactions and Mental Health Outcomes: Rural African American Men with Serious Mental Illness, their Social Support Networks, and Community Mental Health Agencies*
- 2006 Master of Social Work; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Concentration: Health Care
- 2001 Bachelor of Arts, German and International Studies; Illinois College
Studied 1999-2000 at Wirtschafts Universität Wien/ Vienna University of Economics and Business

Postdoctoral Training

- 2013-2016 Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment; Veterans Affairs
VISN 5 Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center; Baltimore, Maryland

Licenses & Certifications

- 2014 Certified in Social Skills Training for Serious Mental Illness
- Active Licensed Graduate Social Worker; State of Maryland

Under Review Grants

PI: 88%

Development of a Patient Centered Mental Health Intervention for Recent Veterans
VA Rehabilitation Research & Development Career Development Award

Average annual direct costs: \$172,314

Total direct costs: \$861,570

Completed Grants

- 10/2014-10/2015 PI:100%
 VA Patient Centered Care and African American Racial Disparities in Mental Health Care
 VA VISN 5 MIRECC Pilot Study
 Annual direct costs: \$24,649
 Total direct costs: \$24,649
- 06/2012-06/2013 PI: 100%
 Social Support and Mental Health Outcomes of Rural African American Men with Serious Mental Illness
 University of Illinois Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship
 Annual direct costs: \$36,807
 Total direct costs: \$36,807
- 02/2012-02/2013 PI: 100%
 Social Support and Mental Health Outcomes of Rural African American Men with Serious Mental Illness
 Gullerud Dissertation Award
 Annual direct costs: \$950
 Total direct costs: \$950
- 10/2011-10/2012 PI: 100%
 Social Support and Mental Health Outcomes of Rural African American Men with Serious Mental Illness
 University of Illinois Graduate College Dissertation Research Travel Grant
 Annual direct costs: \$1,343
 Total direct costs: \$1,343
- 01/2009-08/2009 Investigator: 100% PI: Christopher R. Larrison
 Rural American Indians and Culturally Competent Mental Health Care
 Arnold O. Beckman Award; University of Illinois Campus Research Board
 Annual direct costs: \$15,750
 Total direct costs: \$15,750

Research & Academic Experience

- 2016-present Volunteer Assistant Research Professor
 School of Social Work, University of Maryland Baltimore
- 2016-present Research Health Scientist
 Department of Veterans Affairs VISN 5 Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center
- 2014-present Process Evaluation Supervisor
 A Hybrid Effectiveness-Implementation Trial of a Wellness Self-Management Program
 PI: Richard Goldberg; Funding: VA HSR&D Merit Award
- 2012-2013 Investigator
 Impact of Operational Tempo on Army National Guard 33rd Infantry Brigade
 PI: Colonel Paul C. Hastings
- 2006-2008 Project Manager

Climate, Diversity, and Outcomes in Rural Mental Health
 PI: Christopher R. Larrison; Funding: NIMH R34

2005-2006 Research Assistant
 Organization Climate, Client Diversity, and Treatment Outcomes
 PI: Christopher R. Larrison; Funding: UIUC Research Board

Professional & Clinical Experience

2016-present National Consultant, Social Skills Training for Serious Mental Illness
 US Department of Veterans Affairs; Washington, DC

2014-2015 Interventionist, Social Skills Training for Serious Mental Illness
 Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center
 Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System; Baltimore, MD

2014-2015 Interventionist, Cultural Formulation Interview
 Veterans Affairs VISN 5 Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center; Baltimore,
 Maryland

2013 Interventionist, Medical Illness Education and Support Group
 Veterans Affairs VISN 5 Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center; Baltimore,
 Maryland

2006 Social Work Intern
 Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System; Danville, Illinois

2004 Development Coordinator
 Planned Parenthood of East Central Illinois & Planned Parenthood of Decatur; Champaign,
 Illinois

2001-2004 Executive Director
 Sioux YMCA; Dupree, South Dakota on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation

Teaching & Mentorship Experience

Undergraduate

2013 Instructor, National Guard Research Independent Study
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 2 students, 1 class hour/ week

2009-2012 Instructor, Introduction to Social Work
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 65 students, 3 class hours/ week

Graduate

2016-present Intern/Extern Supervisor, Social Skills Training
 Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System
 4 PhD interns/externs, 2 hours/ month

2014-Present Mentor, Psychology Internship Research Minor
 VA Maryland Health Care System

- 1 psychology intern, 1 hour/ bi-weekly
- 2013-present Facilitator, Hearing Voices experiential learning workshop
Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System
50 MSW and PhD interns, 10 hours/ year
- 2013 Instructor, Research Methods
University of Maryland Baltimore
25 students, 3 class hours/ week
- 2010-2011 Instructor, Social Welfare Policy and Services
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
25 students, 3 class hours/ week

Administrative Service

- 2016-present Assistant Director, Education Core
Department of Veterans Affairs VISN 5 Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center
- 2015-present Member, Patient & Family Centered Care Committee
VA Maryland Health Care System
- 2015 Member, Quality of Care Taskforce
VA Maryland Health Care System
- 2015-present Secretary, Mental Health Diversity Committee
VA Maryland Health Care System
- 2014-present Member, Mental Health Diversity Committee
VA Maryland Health Care System
- 2011-2013 Member, Student Advisory Committee
National Center for Professional and Research Ethics
- 2010 Member, Behavioral and Social Sciences Area Committee
Graduate College Block Grant Fellowship Board
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2009-2010 President, Social Work Doctoral Association
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Reviewer *American Journal of Public Health*
BMC Psychiatry
Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research
Psychological Services

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Hack, S. M.**, Lucksted, A. A., Muralidharan, A., Brown, C. H., & Patterson, J. (in progress). Dyadic participation: Expanding measurement of person-centered care.

2. **Hack, S. M.**, Abraham, K. M., Grindle, C. M., Burton, C. Z., McCarthy, J. F., & Bowersox, N. W. (in progress). Predictors of reported reasons for leaving care among veterans with serious mental illness lost to VA care.
3. Muralidharan, A., Schaffner, R., **Hack, S.M.**, Jahn, D. R., Peeples, A., & Lucksted A. A. (under review). Participation in the Cultural Formulation Interview: Perspectives of consumers with psychotic disorders.
4. Burton, C. Z., Abraham, K. M., Grindle, C. M., **Hack, S. M.**, McCarthy, J. F., & Bowersox, N. W. (under review). Outreach to veterans with severe mental illness who are lost to care: Predictors of successful contact.
5. Ali, M. K., **Hack, S. M.**, Brown, C. H., Medoff, D., Fang, L., Klingaman, E., Park, S. G., & Kreyenbuhl, J. A. (under review). Racial differences in mental health recovery among veterans with serious mental illness.
6. Larrison, C. R., & **Hack, S. M.** (under review). Images that empower: Refocusing the use of photography in mental health.
7. Hack, S. M., DeForge, B., & Lucksted, A. A. (revise & resubmit). Variation in veteran identity as a factor in veteran-targeted interventions.
8. **Hack, S. M.**, Larrison, C. R., Bennett, M. E., Klingaman, E., & Peeples, A. (in press). Mental illness etiology beliefs and implications for service engagement among African American men and their social support networks. *Social Work in Mental Health*
9. **Hack, S. M.**, Medoff, D., Brown, C. H., Fang, L., Dixon, L. B., Klingaman, E., Park, S. G., & Kreyenbuhl, J. A. (2016). Predictors of patient communication in psychiatric medication encounters among Veterans with serious mental illnesses. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 39(2), 183-186.
10. Muralidharan, A., Austern, D., **Hack. S. M.**, & Vogt, D. (2016). Deployment Experiences, Social Support, and Mental Health: Comparison of Black, White, and Hispanic U.S. Veterans Deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 29(3), 273-278.
11. Record, E. J., Medoff, D., Dixon, L. B., Klingaman, E., Park, S. G., **Hack, S.**, Brown, C. H., Fang, L. J., & Kreyenbuhl, J. A. (2016). Access to and use of the Internet among Veterans with Serious Mental Illness. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 52(2), 136-141.
12. Klingaman, E. A., Medoff, D. R., Park, S. G., Brown, C. H., Fang, L., Dixon, L. B., **Hack, S. M.**, Tapscott, S., Walsh, M. B., & Kreyenbuhl, J. A. (2015). Consumer satisfaction with psychiatric services: The role of shared decision making and the therapeutic relationship. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 38(3), 242-248.
13. Brown, E. C., **Hack, S. M.**, Gold, J. M., Carpenter, W. T., Fischer, B., Prentice, K. P., & Waltz, J. A. (2015). Integrating frequency and magnitudes information in decision-making in schizophrenia: An account of patient performance on the Iowa Gambling Task. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*, 66-67, 16-23.
14. **Hack, S. M.**, Larrison, C. R., & Gone, J. P. (2014). American Indian identity in mental health services utilization data from a rural Midwestern sample. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 20(1), 68-74.
15. Larrison, C. R., **Hack-Ritzo, S.**, Koerner, B., Ackerson, B., & Korr, W. S. (2011). State budget cuts, health care reform, and a crisis in rural community mental health agencies. *Psychiatric Services*, 62(11), 1255-1257.
16. Larrison, C. R., Schoppelrey, S. L., **Hack-Ritzo, S.**, & Korr, W. S. (2011). Clinician factors related to outcome differences among black and white patients at community mental health centers. *Psychiatric Services*, 62(5), 525-531.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Zubik, T. M., **Hack, S. M.**, Cleeland, L., & Hastings, P. C. (2014, May 7) Lessons from the long war: A soldier-focused, data driven analysis of retention. *Military Review Spotlight*. Retrieved from <http://usacac.army.mil/CAC2/MilitaryReview/repository/spotlight/Zubik-May-2014.pdf>
2. Larrison, C. R., & **Hack-Ritzo, S.** (2010, August 14). In my view: State must try to reinforce 'safety net'. State Journal Register.

Invited Speeches

1. Person-centered mental health care: The evolution of recovery. (2016, January 27). Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System Mental Health Diversity Series.
2. Person centered care: Tips and tools for providing culturally informed mental health care. (2015, November 5). National Veterans Affairs Peer Support Educational Webinar Series.
3. Theory and practice of person centered mental health care: Improving outcomes and reducing disparities. (2015, August 20). Diversity Didactic Series: Veterans Affairs/University of Maryland Baltimore Psychology Internship Consortium; Baltimore, MD.
4. The crystal through which one sees: Providing culturally competent mental health care for African Americans. (2015, February 19). Diversity Didactic Series: Veterans Affairs/University of Maryland Baltimore Psychology Internship Consortium; Baltimore, MD.
5. Supporting veterans in rural areas. (2014, May 9) From War to Workforce: University of Maryland, School of Social Work; Baltimore, MD.

Presentations

1. Ali, M., **Hack, S. M.**, Brown, C. H., Medoff, D., Fang, L., Dixon, L. B., Klingaman, E., Park, S. G., & Kreyenbuhl, J. A. (2016) Racial Differences in Therapeutic Alliance and Mental Health Recovery Orientation Among Veterans with SMI. Society for Social Work and Research: Washington, D.C.
2. **Hack, S. M.**, Brown, C. H., Medoff, D., Fang, L., Dixon, L. B., Klingaman, E., Park, S. G., Adams, C., & Kreyenbuhl, J. A. (2015). Racial Differences in preferences and behaviors in prescriber-patient communication among veterans with serious mental illness. Society for Social Work and Research: New Orleans, LA.
3. **Hack, S. M.**, Cleeland, L., Zubik, T. M., Hastings, P. C. (2015). Proud to Serve, Getting Tired: Factors in Soldiers' Decision to Remain in the US Army National Guard. Society for Social Work and Research: New Orleans, LA.
4. **Hack, S. M.**, Brown, C. H., Medoff, D., Fang, L., Dixon, L. B., Klingaman, E., Park, S. G., Adams, C., & Kreyenbuhl, J. A. (2014). Racial differences in preferences for shared decision making and patient-prescriber communication among veterans with serious mental illness. UMD Psychiatry Research Day: Baltimore, MD.
5. **Hack-Ritzo, S.** (2013). Social support network experiences with mental health care for rural African American men with serious mental illness. Society for Social Work and Research: San Diego, CA.
6. Larrison, C. R., Schoppelrey, S. L., & **Hack-Ritzo, S.** (2012). Is multicultural counseling competency training the best intervention for disparities in mental health services?. Society for Social Work and Research:

Washington, DC.

7. **Hack-Ritzo, S.** (2012). Race and mental illness: An outsider looks inside. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry: Urbana, IL.
8. **Hack-Ritzo, S.** (2012). African American social support networks: Inside mental health care from outside the therapeutic dyad. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry: Urbana, IL.
9. **Hack-Ritzo, S.,** & Larrison, C. R. (2012) Closed doors: Perceptions of community mental health agency attitudes toward social support networks of African American men with serious mental illness. NIH Health Disparities Summit: National Harbor, MD.
10. **Hack-Ritzo, S.,** & Larrison, C. R. (2012) Contextual identity: African American men's views on gender and race disparity in mental health care. NIH Health Disparities Summit: National Harbor, MD.
11. **Hack-Ritzo, S.,** Larrison, C. R., & Gone, J. P. (2011). Variation in meaning of American Indian identity in self-reported race data. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry: Urbana, IL.
12. **Hack-Ritzo, S.,** & Larrison, C. R. (2011). Factors in mental health treatment outcomes among African American men with SMI. From Disparities Research to Disparities Interventions: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for the Future of Behavioral Health Services: Arlington, VA.
13. Larrison, T. E., & **Hack-Ritzo, S.** (2011). Exploring the use of creative pedagogies to teach poverty. Council on Social Work Education: Atlanta, GA.
14. Larrison, C. R., **Hack-Ritzo, S.,** & Gone, J. (2010). Confusing culture: What is the value of self-reported race data?. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting: Denver, CO.
15. Larrison, C. R., Schoppelrey, S. L., & **Hack-Ritzo, S.** (2010). Agency effect on the outcomes of mental health services for minority patients. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Bruno Lima symposium on mental health issues among minority populations: Denver, CO.
16. **Hack-Ritzo, S.,** Hong, J. S., & Satterlee, K. (2009). Disrupted states: A discussion of indigenous peoples and Post-Colonial Disorders. CIC-American Indian Studies Consortium Graduate Student Conference: Urbana, IL.
17. Larrison, C. R., Schoppelrey, S. L., & **Hack-Ritzo, S.** (2009). Agency effect on the outcomes of psychiatric services for minorities. NIMH Conference on Mental Health Services Research: Washington, DC.
18. Larrison, C. R., Schoppelrey, S. L., & **Hack-Ritzo, S.** (2009). Relative effect of clinicians on outcome disparities for racial and ethnic minority clients receiving outpatient mental health services. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Bruno Lima symposium on mental health issues among minority populations: Philadelphia, PA.

Honors and Awards

- 2016 Gold VA Pin Award; Veteran Affairs Maryland Health Care System
- 2011 Invited Attendee; Institute on Systems Science and Health: Social Network Analysis Track; National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2011 Student Travel Stipend Award; Disparities Research to Disparities Interventions: Lessons Learned and

Opportunities for the Future of Behavioral Health Services; National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute of Mental Health, and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

- 2010 Conference Travel Award; School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2006 Activist of the Year; Champaign County Health Care Consumers
- 2006 Field Placement Tuition Waiver Recipient; School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2006 Excellence in Academics Award; School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2004 Executive Proclamation in Recognition of Work with Native American Youth; Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council
- 2004 CEO Excellence Award; YMCA of the USA, Dakota Alliance